

# SCORE HURT IN FORD STRIKE

## Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor

ALEX. H. WASHBURN

Railroad Must Agree to Underpass

For more than 10 years we have been discussing getting an armory for the county's National Guard company, and today we have it. At least a site has been deeded on the west half of the courthouse property, and the State Military Department announced some time ago that whenever the deed was made over to the state the armory would be put up at once.

The state has money to match the federal government in putting up armories because, as you know, the National Guard has been mustered into federal service, relieving the state of the cost of maintenance of the Guard and accumulating many thousands of dollars in the Guard fund. It is this Guard maintenance fund which the state today is putting into new armory buildings. One is under construction at Prescott, and Hope's armory will be a similar structure.

Which reminds us that there is another local project worth looking into—because funds are available if the proper authority chooses to spend them in our own locality.

The project is an underpass on the Missouri Pacific to eliminate traffic tieups downtown. The federal government pays all the public cost of such grade-crossing eliminators. It is building one underpass on the L. & A. just south of town on No. 29, and a large sum is set up for similar work all over the state.

You are advised, however, that it is up to the railroad concerned to say where this grade-separation money shall be spent. If Hope and the Missouri Pacific should agree on the project it would then go over to the federal people for approval of funds which are already on hand.

It is up to us, therefore, to be either very nice or very hard with the Missouri Pacific, depending on which policy seems most likely to persuade the railroad company to recognize a downtown underpass as a pressing need in a city which the railroad cuts in half.

## FSA Personnel Is Increased

Arkadelphia, Prescott Men Added to Staff

Since January 1, the number of officials in the Farm Security Administration of Hempstead county has increased from seven to nine, the two new additions to the office personnel being Wayne Anderson, from Prescott, and Edgar Briggs from Arkadelphia.

Employees of the local FST office are W. M. Sparks, county supervisor, Hugh Nelson and Edgar Briggs, assistant county supervisors, Mrs. Laura Hodnett, county home supervisor, Mrs. Alicia Jones, assistant home supervisor, Wayne Anderson, office manager, Mrs. Mary Gladden and Miss Gwendolyn Frith, office clerks, and J. L. Eley, of Belton, farm foreman. Mrs. Gladden, from Prescott, fills the position previously occupied by Miss Alice Hayton, who was transferred to Lake Village in December.

During 1940, 385 farm families of Hempstead county were enrolled on the Farm Security Administration program. In 1941, this number will probably be increased to at least 425.

## Nazi School in Mexico Closes

Frequently Assailed as Propaganda Source

MEXICO CITY —(AP)—The most important German school in Mexico, Colegio Aleman, with 1,600 students, suspended classes Wednesday. School officials referred inquiries to the foreign ministry, where no explanation was immediately available. Anti-Nazis have assailed the school as a source of pro-Nazi propaganda.

## 'Arkansas Odd-Fax' Star's New Feature

"Odd-Fax of Arkansas," a new cartoon feature dealing entirely with this state and drawn by the well-known Arkansas artist, Bert Nash, will appear every Thursday in both the daily and weekly Star, beginning this week.

Mr. Nash, native Arkansan, is known personally to thousands of business men throughout the state, having drawn personal cartoons of business leaders in all the larger cities, including Hope.

The new cartoon, "Odd-Fax of Arkansas," which is strictly a news feature, has been syndicated to nearly 100 daily and weekly papers in the state.

## Council Deeds Land to State for Armory

Approves \$2,500 for Elm Street Project; \$500 to Stamp Plan

In a lengthy session at the Hope city hall Tuesday night the city council decided land to the state for an armory site, appropriated money for the constructing of a tile drainage on South Elm street, and gave \$500 to the Hempstead fold stamp committee to put the food stamp plan in motion. Alderman Syd McMath presided in the absence of Mayor W. S. Atkins.

The new National Guard armory will be built on the northern end of the west half of the Hempstead county courthouse property. County Judge Fred Luck had previously traded the City of Hope the vacant west half of the courthouse property in exchange for about an acre and a half of city-owned land adjacent to Fair park, on which the county government has erected new warehouse and machinery and supply buildings.

The ordinance calling for transfer of part of the courthouse property from the city to the state for construction of an armory was passed unanimously.

The measure was passed after two letters from Gen. E. L. Compere were read to the council. In the letters General Compere said the Fair park was not a desirable place for the armory as the latter had to have full city police protection. He stated the courthouse property was very desirable.

\$2,500 for Elm Drain  
A letter from F. C. Kye, resident state engineer on the No. 29 underpass, asking the city to take action one way or another on constructing a tile drain on Elm street to take care of the excess water from Main street, was read to the council. The group then voted to build the tile drain with the cost not to exceed \$2,500 to the city. The highway department will give the city \$500 to help bear the expense. City Engineer Thomas was instructed to notify the highway department of the action and

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## Slavs Moving Families South Expecting War

Italian Effort to Mediate Clash With Germany Has Failed

SKOPLJE, Yugoslavia —(AP)—An eight-minute air raid alarm was sounded shortly before noon Wednesday at this key city of southern Serbia when three foreign planes reconnoitered at great heights over the city.

During the night the city was blacked out for an hour and during early morning all air raid sirens were set off in tests. These were practice measures.

But the alarm which came at 11:30 a. m. was the real thing. The population took cover calmly and waited until the planes disappeared.

"For all we know war may come to us any day this way," an official said.

Skopje lies midway between Bulgaria and Albania in the Vardar river valley, which offer a strategic route for a German attack on Greece.

Many believe the city will become the new seat of government if the Germans invade Yugoslavia.

Thousands of Croat soldiers are constantly passing through the town singing lusty war songs. There is a steady stream of women and children from all parts of Yugoslavia, even from distant Croatia on route to hidden villages in the mountains. Soldier-husbands of the women say, "We can fight more calmly if we know our families are safely tucked away beyond reach of the enemy."

Italian Mediation Fails  
BELGRADE —(AP)—An Italian legion spokesman announced Wednesday that "certain conversations" between Italy and Yugoslavia which had led to reports of possible mediation by Premier Mussolini in the Yugoslav-German crisis "have attained no results, and no negotiations are now in progress."

The Fascist spokesman said the talks between the Italian minister to Belgrade and the Yugoslav foreign minister had been held "to see if any possibilities existed for establishing

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## Defense Taxes Need Not Cancel Business Profits



Income tax returns piled up by thousands, symbolize the fact that the government can get the money it spends in only one way, and that is from the people.

## John T. Flynn Discusses Business in War Emergency

By JOHN T. FLYNN  
(Written for NEA Service)

The most important problem confronting American business—and for that matter the nation—is that of taxation.

It must be remembered that the boom which is developing is the result of one big customer coming into the market. That customer is the government. And the government has no money.

The government can get the money it spends in only one way, and that is from the people. It can tax them or it can borrow from them. And if it borrows, in the end that can be

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## What's Left of Mussolini's Navy

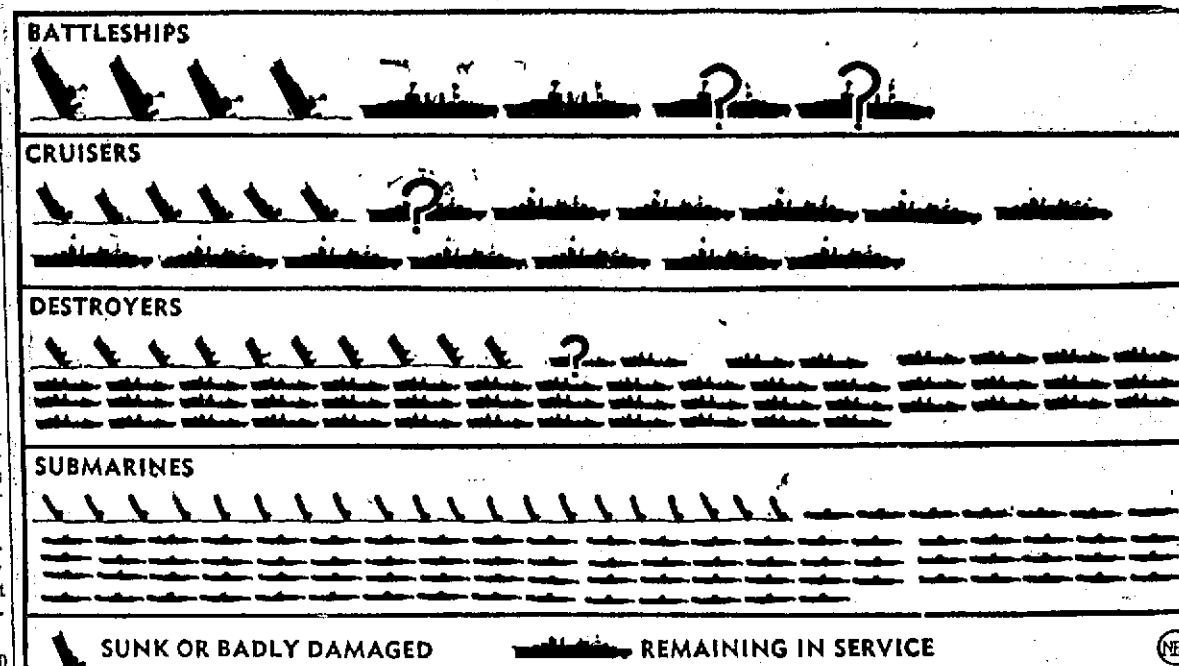


Chart shows what British have done to the Italian navy. Mussolini now has only two or four capital ships, depending on whether two in construction have been commissioned since start of war. Latest British attack in Mediterranean sank or severely damaged three or four cruisers and two or three destroyers in addition to great damage to a ship of the 35,000-ton Littorio class. Italy has no aircraft carriers. Her fleet of torpedo boats has suffered heavily.

## Hope Pioneer Dies Wednesday

C. A. Stephenson Succumbs at Camden Hospital

C. A. Stephenson, 75, pioneer resident of Hope and Hempstead county, died in a hospital at Camden shortly after noon Wednesday. He had been ill for several weeks.

Funeral services will be held at the First Methodist church here at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon. He is survived by two sons, Roy of Hope and Ralph Stephenson of Jena, La., two daughters, Mrs. Roy Garner and Mrs. Pauline Abeles, both of Camden.

## Only 256 Votes Cast Tuesday

Nominees for City Offices Are Elected

Only 256 votes were cast in the city election here Tuesday in which candidates nominated in the December primary were elected to offices.

Candidates elected were: Mayor, Albert Graves; City treasurer, Charles Reynerson; municipal judge, W. K. Lemley; Aldermen, F. Y. Trimble, Lawrence Martin, Syd McMath and Ched Hall.

The vote by wards:  
Ward 1 ..... 103  
Ward 2 ..... 58  
Ward 3 ..... 71  
Ward 4 ..... 24  
Total ..... 256

## Axis Agrees on U. S. Policy

Knows What to Expect if U. S. Becomes Involved

ROME —(AP)—Virginio Gayda, the Fascist editorial spokesman, indicated Wednesday that Hitler and Mussolini had reached agreements with Japanese Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka on Japan's action in event the United States engages in hostilities against the Axis powers "even without formal declaration of war."

At a special press conference with German and Italian reporters Matsuoka said he had had "several talks with Foreign Minister Ciano on questions of the most pressing importance."

He described the conversation with Premier Mussolini Tuesday as "a frank exchange of views on all problems interesting to the two countries and the world."

This interview, he said, made "a deep impression" on him. German and Italian leaders, foreign observers said, presumably have told Matsuoka what help Japan could expect in the event that country became involved in hostilities with the U. S.

"Every new real act of belligerency by third powers, even without a declaration, will find the tri-partite pact functioning with all its formidable means over the vast world scene on which it is capable of extending its influence," Gayda wrote.

There are no land animals larger than insects between the south pole and latitude 60.

## Spencer Takes Oath of Office

Hope Man Sworn in by Chairman Wallace

WASHINGTON —(AP)—Lloyd Spencer, 47-year-old self styled "country farmer and banker" from Hope, Ark., was sworn in as United States senator Wednesday.

Spencer was escorted by his colleague, Senator Hattie W. Caraway, to the chair where Chairman Wallace administered the oath.

After being sworn in, Senator Spencer, admittedly nervous, was greeted from both sides by senators who filed past to shake hand and welcome him with an Arkansas "howdy."

Spencer's appointment by Governor Adkins arrived Wednesday morning.

Vice President Wallace, who asked Spencer to swear to "support and defend" the constitution, was the first to shake his hand in welcome.

## Special Lunch for Soldiers

Legion to Send Easter Dinner to Camp Robison

The American Legion Post made a plea Wednesday to Hope and Hempstead citizens for food donations to be sent to local men now in military service at Camp Robinson, for a special Easter dinner.

Any person wishing to contribute are asked to leave donation at the Hope Confectionery, Hope Star and Hope Furniture Co., or get in touch with an American Legion member.

Contributions must be in not later than Saturday night, April 12.

## Hope Bobcats Practice Daily

Spring Session to Close April 11 With Game

Hard scrimmages feature the daily practice of the Bobcats' spring football training. Coach Foy Hammons announced Wednesday.

The local lads began the two-week spring session last Monday and reports from the coaches say the boys are rounding into shape rapidly.

One backfield letterman, Dub Oliver, quit the squad Tuesday, leaving only six veterans out. Kendall Smith, last year's first string center has been ill for the past two days but is expected to report later in the week.

Floyd Chance, who played tackle last season, has been switched to end and according to reports looks good at the new position.

By next week the boys are expected to be in good shape and stiff practices will follow in an effort to get them ready for an exhibition game April 1.

The cultivation of wheat dates back as far as the Stone Age, and its origin is unknown.

## Red Sea Port Fall Expected

British Admit Stiffer Resistance in Libya

CAIRO —(AP)—Massawa, Eritrean port on the Red sea and last big objective of the British campaign in Eritrea, is expected to fall any minute, military sources said Wednesday night.

Germans Strike in Libya  
CAIRO —(AP)—The British acknowledged slightly increased pressure of Axis military power in Libya Wednesday even as their victorious forces in East Africa pursued the Italians on two major fronts hopeful of speedy knockout blows.

Imperial forces were declared to have virtually cornered 100,000 Italians in the East African campaign to destroy Mussolini's colonial empire.

The acknowledgement of Axis activity in Libya was noted briefly in a headquarters communiqué which said British advanced elements northeast of Mersa Brega were withdrawing. This was done in the face of what British sources called a "reconnaissance in force."

Previously the British said the Germans had parts of three divisions to bolster the battered fascist army in Libya.

The communiqué also noted that it was "believed" the Red sea Eritrean port of Massawa, toward which the British are driving, was still held by the Italians, although a communiqué from the Anglo Egyptian Sudan suggested a possibility that all of Eritrea was capitulating under the "cease firing" order which ended the defense of Asmara, the capital.

Mersa Brega is about 30 miles north east of El Agheila, which was an outpost of the British winter advance westward. The British withdrew from El Agheila last week shortly before Nazi troops raised the swastika over the village.

Capture of Asmara put the survivors of some 40,000 fascists who engaged in the recent bloody battle of Cheren with their backs to the sea—where the British navy blocks retreat.

In Ethiopia British columns struck inland from captured Dire Dawa toward Addis Ababa, the capital, on the heel of the Duke of Aosta's retreating army.

The duke's original forces at Addis Ababa have been estimated at 40,000, and British reports said smaller garrisons withdrawing toward the capital from other parts of Ethiopia probably would increase the total fighting strength to 60,000 men.

Grandfather Mountain, near Linville, N. C., is the only spot south of Canada where snow birds build their homes.

## COTTON

By the Associated Press				
NEW ORLEANS				
	Open	High	Low	Close
May	11.21	11.40	11.21	11.33
July	11.16	11.35	11.14	11.29
Oct.	11.06	11.36	11.04	11.29
Dec.	11.05	11.34	11.05	11.26
Jan.	11.00			11.22
March	11.00	11.25	11.00	11.22
NEW YORK				
May	11.15	11.32	11.14	11.24
July	11.09	11.31	11.09	11.24
Oct.	10.98	11.28	10.98	11.21
Dec.	10.96	11.25	10.96	11.25
Jan.	9.94	11.22	9.94	11.22
March	9.92	11.21	9.92	11.15
Middling Spot	11.54			

## CIO Strikers Battle Others Outside Plant

Four Killed in CIO Strike Riots in Kentucky Coal Fields

DETROIT —(AP)—CIO strikers armed with wooden staves battled non-strikers welding iron pipes and wrenches in the streets of suburban Dearborn Wednesday resulting in more than a score of injuries and an order by Gov. Murray Van Wagoner for Michigan state police to restore peace in a strike at the Ford Motor company's huge Rouge plant.

Miles of pavement were littered with bricks and metal bolts hurled by the opposing factions as the CIO struck at the last non-union stronghold of the automobile industry. A flying brick knocked one mounted Dearborn policeman from his horse.

Union officials maintained a tight barricade of streets leading to the plant and contended that operations of the factory had ceased except for the maintenance workers the union permitted to enter the gates. No statement was made by the Ford management on whether enough employees slipped past the pickets to resume production which was analyzed when the strike began Tuesday night.

Wednesday's violence centered at gate No. 4 but isolated clashes broke out over an area extending several blocks away. Union officials reported several strikers were lacerated. One suffered possible fractures of both arms, and others were slashed by knives or razors wielded by non-strikers, many of them employed in the Rouge plant foundry.

Traffic in Dearborn in a wide area about the Ford plant, was thrown into almost confusion by the strike blockade.

The governor, maintaining close contact with the strike situation from headquarters in a Detroit hotel where he conferred with state police officials and state labor mediators, announced he was ordering the full available strength of the state police to attempt to end clashes between strikers and non-strikers.

4 Killed in Kentucky  
HARLAN, Ky. —(AP)—Four men were shot to death and five others wounded at the Crumies Creek Coal company mine Wednesday in a violent outburst of gunplay in the Harlan county bituminous coal field.

Two of the dead men were identified at the hospital here as Oscar Goodin and Virgil Hampton, both of Lynch, Ky. The other dead, unidentified, are a white man and a negro.

First reports reaching here said more than 100 shots were fired during the disorder.

The shooting occurred as groups of United Mine Workers of America (U. M. W.) members roamed about the county holding impromptu rallies at closed mines.

Strike Reported  
DETROIT —(AP)—Gov. Murray D. Van Wagoner Tuesday night announced receipt of a telegram from Mayor John L. Carey and Chief of Police Carl A. Brooks of suburban Dearborn asking for the assistance of state troops to remove 5,000 "sit down strikers" in the Ford Motor Company's Rouge plant.

The governor, in Detroit over night, said he had called Oscar G. Olander, commissioner of the State Police, and Byron L. Ballard, his legal adviser, from Lansing, the state capital, to Detroit to confer with him.

Although the request to the governor said 5,000 men were in the plant, Michael F. Widman, Jr., head of the United Auto Workers Union (C. I. O.) Organizing Committee, said there were 20,000 men involved in a work stoppage. Widman contended the stoppage was effective in four departments: The rolling mill, the open hearth division, the pressed steel department and the "B" building.

He also claimed that the Rouge plant's rubber plant had been closed down by the management.

The Rouge plant is one of three Ford plants here at which the U. A. W.-C. I. O. has threatened strikes.

## Father of Mrs. A. A. Albritton Succumbs

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Albritton of Hope returned home Wednesday from Heber Springs where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Albritton's father, Lawrence Shaner, 78, pioneer citizen of that community. He had been ill three weeks of pneumonia, and Mrs. Albritton remained in Heber Springs during his illness.

During 1939, American motorists consumed 638,000,000 gallons of gasoline.

## A Thought

Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.—Matthew 4:7.

## 4 Are Burned Critically

Mother and Daughter Not Expected to Live

LITTLE ROCK —(AP)—Four persons were burned critically from flames resulting from the ignition of liquid being used to kindle a fire in the Iron district near here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Smith, both 45, and son and daughter were burned. Hospital attendants here said the mother and daughter were not expected to live.

## CRANIUM CRACKERS

A Star Is Born—You can't always tell where an actor was born by the accent he uses or the type of role he plays. Here are five well known character actors and stars. From the news given, can you name the birthplace of each?

1. Claudette Colbert. (a) Texas; (b) France; (c) Montana; (d) England.

2. El Brendel. (a) Pennsylvania; (b) Sweden; (c) England; (d) California.

3. Andy Barrie. (a) England; (b) China; (c) New York; (d) Canada.

4. William (Hopalong Cassidy) Boyd. (a) Montana; (b) Canada; (c) Texas; (d) Ohio.

5. O. P. Havilland. (a) California; (b) Montana; (c) Spain; (d) Japan.

Answers on Comic Page







# SOCIETY

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## Social Calendar

Wednesday, April 2nd

Bay View Reading club, home of Mrs. H. F. J. Garrett with Mrs. W. R. Hamilton co-hostess, 3 o'clock. Mrs. Gus Haynes will present the program on "Art and Artists."

Brookwood P. T. A. will meet at the school at 3 o'clock. A full attendance is urged.

Paisley P. T. A., the school, 3 o'clock.

Thursday, April 3rd

The Pat Claiborne chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will meet at the home of Mrs. A. F. Hanegan, 3 o'clock. Mrs. M. M. Smyth and Mrs. Sid Reed will be the associate hostesses.

The Cosmopolitan club will meet at the home of Mrs. Franklin Horton, 7:45 o'clock. Mrs. Mack Stewart will be the associate hostess.

Hope chapter, 328, Order of the Eastern Star, the Masonic hall, 7:30 o'clock.

Girl Scout Sale of Miscellaneous new articles, Saenger Building.

The County P. T. A. council will meet at Ozan at the school building, 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. R. V. Hall, state president, will be the principal speaker.

Friday, April 4th  
The Rose Garden club will meet at the home of Mrs. Aline Johnson.

## Relief for Miseries of

# HEAD COLDS

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PLUS  
MARCH OF TIME

Opening song—"I Want to Be a Worker."  
Prayer.  
Chorus—"I Love to Tell the Story."  
"Necessity of Christian Activity"—Mrs. Booth.  
"What Is Our Duty to America"—Mrs. Hollman.  
Vocal selection—Mrs. Heston, Mrs. Clark, and Mrs. Jones.  
"Duty to the Home"—Mrs. Ruth Taylor.  
"Duty to the Lost"—Mrs. Davis.  
"Duty to the Church"—Mrs. Bailey.  
Quartet—children from the Orphans' Home.

Gains-Purdie  
Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Purdie of this city announce the marriage of their daughter, LaVerne, to James Ganes of Little Rock.  
The marriage was solemnized in Little Rock on Saturday, March 29.

Tickets on Sale for Civic Music Association

Tickets are now on sale for membership in the Civic Music Association of Texarkana. It is a part of a national organization which has made it possible for a large number of principal cities of the United States to present a series of concerts annually on a financially sound basis. The organization is entirely a non-profit venture. Only members are permitted to attend the concerts. There are at least three of these each season.

As a special treat this year, the persons, who join the club for next year will be guests of the Civic Music club on April 12 to hear Rose Bampton, a distinguished young soprano of the Metropolitan. All interest persons are asked to call Mrs. J. C. Carlton (218) for further information. The drive, which starts April 7, will close April 12.

Mrs. W. M. Summerville is "Seven and One" Club Hostess

Tuesday night the members of the "Seven and One" club met at the home of Mrs. William Summerville for the bi-monthly contract bridge games.

Peach blossoms and iris were effectively used in decorating the rooms where bridge was played by the members and three guests, Mrs. Joe Black, Miss Elizabeth Bridwell, and Miss Fay Davis.

After the games, scores were counted and the hostess served a delicious salad course with coffee to the guests and members.

Iris Club Has Program on "Flower Arrangements"

Mrs. Charles Harrell and Mrs. John Guthrie were hostesses to the members of the Iris club at the home of the former on Tuesday afternoon. Eighteen members responded to the roll call and heard an interesting program on "Flower Arrangements" led by Mrs. Fred White. Assisting her was Mrs. Bill Smith, who gave the legend of the iris. Mrs. C. M. Agee gave several ideas for attractive ways to arrange the back yard flower garden.

Several exhibits were brought by the members and viewed during the afternoon. Plans were made during the business meeting for the Iris Center, which will be held soon, although the date has not been announced. Another project adopted by the club is that of assisting in landscaping the Julia Chester hospital lawn.

During the social hour, the hostesses served a delicious salad course.

## Personal Mention

Dale Carlton of Jacksonville, Florida is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Carlton.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Trimble and daughter, Miss Carolyn Trimble, have

## Garden Clubs Campaign for Food Plenty

National President Urges Action by Army of Amateurs.

Five million home defense gardens, growing vegetables to be eaten by the owners' families, is the goal set by Hoyt Paxton, president of the Men's Garden Clubs of America for the campaign in which his organization is taking the lead. "Europe offers tragic proof that food is as vital to defense as are weapons," said Mr. Paxton. "Every country now at war has broken down in its efforts to keep the food supply at normal. When armies are in training and industry is forced to concentrate upon munitions, the problems of food transportation may become more difficult than those of food production. Home gardens producing food F. O. B. the kitchen door, help solve both these problems."

While production of commercial vegetables was in surplus last year, a different picture is likely to be developed by next summer, warned Mr. Paxton.

Factories Draught Garden Labor. "Reports of curtailed market garden acreage are widespread," he said. "Higher wages, and short hours in factories are draining competent labor away from the market gardens, where the work days are long and there is overtime work without overtime pay. Vegetable seeds are much higher priced, and many are scarce. Those who take food abundance for granted are likely to have unpleasant surprises."

Each Men's Garden Club which belongs to the national organization has been asked to form a committee on defense gardens, and a national committee is being organized to coordinate their efforts. The following program has been recommended to the defense garden committees by President Paxton:

1.—To persuade every experienced amateur gardener who has a suitably cultivated garden plot to grow vegetables for family consumption.

returned from a motor trip to Houston, Galveston, San Antonio, and other points of interest in Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bizzell Jr. announce the arrival of a son on Sunday, March 20 at the Julia Chester hospital.

Mrs. M. M. McCloughan was in Texarkana Monday to attend the funeral of her uncle, Thad Bryant.

Friends of Miss Betty Ann Benson will regret to know that she is suffering from a broken arm at her home.

Mrs. Bill Wray and son, Billy, left Wednesday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Welch in Arkadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Kreuter (Inex Pyree) of Kansas City announce the arrival of a little daughter on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elridge Ross announce the arrival of a son, David Elridge Ross Jr., on March 28 at the Julia Chester hospital.

## MIND YOUR MANNERS

T. M. REG. U. S. PAT. OFF.

Test your knowledge of correct social usage by answering the following questions, then checking against the authoritative answers below:

1. If it is your job to extend an invitation to a speaker, should you tell him how long you want him to speak and on what subject when you ask him?

2. If you are asked to speak to an organization that you now nothing about, is it all right to ask some questions, or must you pretend to know all about the organization?

3. Unless he has been invited to defend one side of a question, should a speaker criticize the opinions of a speaker who preceded him on the program?

4. When a club invites you to become a member, how can you politely refuse?

5. When there are a number of guests at a club meeting, should the business meeting be cut as short as possible?

What would you do if—  
A married couple entertains you at dinner in their home and you wish to return their hospitality—  
(a) Invite the wife to an afternoon bridge party?  
(b) Have them both to dinner, either in your home or at a restaurant?

## Answers

1. Yes.  
2. It is quite all right to ask questions. Otherwise you may find yourself speaking to a group whose opinions you feel very strongly against.  
3. No.  
4. By saying that you are sorry, but that you haven't time for membership in another club, or that your interests are in another field.  
5. Yes. If guests are invited, they should be entertained.  
Best "What Would You Do" solution—(b).

## Origin of Icing

In the early part of the eighteenth century, cakes with pretty pink icing were in vogue. Then science discovered that the coloring matter was obtained from a plant seed, but not from the cochineal insect. The vogue vanished until the discovery of artificial colors for foods again brought the delicate tidbit back to favor at strawberry festivals.

2.—To offer your services as practical advisors to industries, clubs and municipalities, who plan to plow up vacant land for garden allotments to be cultivated in spare time by those lacking space at home.

3.—To discourage hysterical demands that established ornamental plantings be turned to vegetable growing, or that gardens be made under conditions where failure is probable.

4.—To advise that flowers be planted to border the vegetables, that the beauty of public ornamental plantings be preserved unmarred, and that defense gardens be made on the abundant supply of vacant land which is well adapted to such purpose.

"Our country is preparing to defend itself from attack," said Mr. Paxton, "and every American has been called upon to contribute to the extent of his ability to that end. 'Every home which has space in which vegetables can be grown, can make an important contribution to defense, as in the years 1917, 1918 and 1919. In our view this help is even more needed, than it was then."

"Since 1919 home vegetable gardens have been reduced by half in number and while commercial vegetable production has increased all this increase has been concentrated in the extreme south and west, from which green vegetables are shipped across the continent to the large centers of population. Market growing near our large midwest and eastern cities has actually decreased."

"Where 93,139 cars were used in 1917 to transport fresh vegetables, excluding potatoes, to market, in 1938, 248,062 cars were necessary, plus uncounted trucks. Any interference with this high speed transportation, or with the labor supply in growing sections, will immediately reduce supplies to our chief industrial centers and mobilization camps."

"Obviously this is a most dangerous situation, from a defense point of view."

"Home gardeners will turn to vegetable production by the million if attention is called to the need for their help. But there is no time to be lost. Vacant land in favorable locations, must be allotted. Soil preparation should be begun as early as possible, and seed sown by next April, otherwise the opportunity to strengthen our food front will have been lost, and the emergency may be upon us."

# Spring Is In Fashion



And our Nelly Don Shop is in a whirl! for the south wind has breezed in with abundant armfuls of gloriously fresh new styles. Dark sheers, clear pastels and soft feminine prints ready to compete with the brightest of occasions. There's only nine more days to shop before Easter, so do yours now while the best styles are on our racks.

## Nelly Don

### Print Classic

Illustrated above is a soft, becoming classic coat dress of Arrowhead Avenelle (Enka rayon) with detachable pique collar. Superbly finished and easily washable in suds.

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### Footprint Nelda

Fashion tracked down in Nelly Don's exclusive Footprint Nelda (Enka Rayon). Trimmed with white piping and it washes beautifully. A striking print and a smart style.

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### Print Sheers

Spring-y printed sheers with slim, pretty lines. Fashions so versed in the gentle art of doing everything well, we really think you must have several.

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### Lingerie Trim

Season's fore-thought! Illustrated on the right, Nelly Don's filmy Faile Sheer Rayon — with frothy lingerie collar and unpressed pleats. Feminine coat-style, beautifully detailed, collar snaps on.

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### Miami Cloth

Zephyr - fresh cross - dye miami cloth. Smartly fashioned to take you through the season to come. Superbly finished to carry on the tradition of many seasons past.

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### Favorites

Prima Donna — the line so famous for smart tailored things. Superbly tailored of lovely new spring fabrics. Styled in the most becoming new spring lines.

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### Sheerly for Spring

Drifting into the Spring scene, into your plans... exclusively new Nelly Don sheers! Dark sheer rayon beautifully detailed with tucking, frosted in white.

\$10.98

### Crisp Cottons

Soapsuds fashions of beloved cotton, so reminiscent of Nelly Don's first designs! We've a bright group so come in today and choose several. Illustrated at left is one of many.

\$2.98

### Budget Prints

Nub-spun rayons, washable crepe rayons, and print voils. Lovely Soapsuds Fashions that are so practical you'll want several in your spring wardrobe. And they have a habit of fitting when you Just Try One On.

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## National Borders and Prison Walls

There are certain things which we in  
free America can never understand about  
the totalitarian countries of Europe. One of them is their ten-  
dency to make of their national borders  
a prison wall.

We in the United States find it hard  
to imagine a condition in which we  
would not allow anyone to leave the  
country who wanted to go. Our diffi-  
culty is in getting rid of those who  
keep insisting that it is a terrible  
country, but who have to be pried  
out of it with a shoe-horn if it is

suggested that they go anywhere else.  
For those who are dissatisfied, and  
who think they can better themselves  
somewhere else, the American way is  
to say, "O. K. On your way, and  
good riddance!"

It is not so in Europe today. Rus-  
sia was the first to draw a tight  
line around her borders. Why on  
earth border patrols should have been  
stationed with leveled rifles to take  
pot-shots at all who tried so desper-  
ately to get away from their own home-  
land, we do not know, but it hap-  
pened. All the totalitarian countries  
set up similar rules. We were ac-  
customed to find situations in which  
it was hard to get INTO a coun-  
try, but to find it hard to get OUT  
of one—that is a product of the last  
20 years.

Picture the scene recently enacted  
at Marseilles. A French ship is ready  
to sail for Martinique. Aboard are  
348 Spaniards, refugees from the sav-  
age civil war that recently shook  
Spain. They are on their way to  
Mexico and a new life, with valid  
exit visas and tickets for which  
they have paid the last cent they  
could scrape together.

Suddenly police swarm aboard.  
There has been a new order by the  
Vichy ministry of interior—no Span-  
ish military age is to be allowed  
to leave France. In tears, many of  
them, the refugees file back down  
the gang-plank—the mirage of free-  
dom has been snatched away.

Why? Are such men likely ever to  
be loyal to Vichy? You might think  
that Hitler would be glad to be rid  
of them—and such an act is clearly  
Hitler's act; no Frenchman would do  
such a thing except under compulsion.  
But no, they must stay where  
they are not wanted, and where they  
do not want to be.

Why? Why? Why? A free mind ac-  
customed to reason might well top-  
ple in trying to grasp the answer. We  
in America can not understand it, and  
pray God we never shall.

## America's Men of Science

### Dr. W. M. Stanley — Proves Chemicals Cause Disease

This is the ninth of a series  
of 12 articles introducing you to  
America's foremost scientists.

Since the time of Pasteur and Koch,  
it has been almost a scientific heresy  
to suggest that communicable dis-  
eases could be caused by anything else  
than germs and their poisonous tox-  
ins.

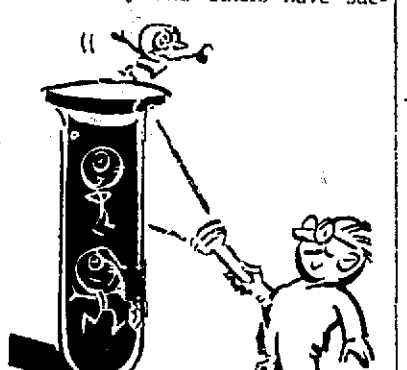
Five years ago a young chemist at  
the Rockefeller Institute for Medical  
Research at Princeton, N. J., upset

science stumbled upon the drama with  
which began, eons ago on some pri-  
mordial ocean beach, the epochal evolu-  
tion of what we call life.

Those were the speculative ques-  
tions that arose, while Dr. Stanley con-  
tinued his exploration of the crystal  
bits that caused illnesses of plants.  
The tobacco plant, with mosaic dis-  
ease, was the first to yield large  
amounts of a crystalline protein pos-  
sessing all the characteristics of the  
infective agent of disease. Since then  
a number of other plant viruses have  
been purified and many have been  
crystallized.

Important human diseases are caused  
by viruses, among them smallpox,  
infantile paralysis, rabies, psittacosis,  
fowl cholera, epidemic encephalitis,  
yellow fever, and influenza. There is  
high hope that these virus studies  
will throw practical light on the na-  
ture of these ills, leading to their  
cure and control. The powerful elec-  
tron microscope, that magnifies 30,-  
000 to 200,000 times, probably will  
give scientists their first close-up looks  
at some of these giant virus crystal  
molecules.

Develop Immunity  
Dr. Stanley and others have suc-



Dr. W. M. Stanley

this old idea by showing that non-  
living chemical crystals were the in-  
fective agents of virus diseases.

This investigator was Dr. Wendell  
Meredith Stanley, then only 31. His  
massing of evidence that giant mol-  
ecules of protein could act like liv-  
ing things reproducing themselves,  
caused consternation and confusion in  
scientific circles. Here were mere  
chemicals that acted like living mi-  
croorganisms in begetting their evil  
kind and spreading disease.

Is This How Life Began?  
Had the borderline between the  
living and the non-living been dis-  
covered? Were these strange crystals  
a link between the alive and the in-  
animate, the quick and the dead? Had

Hunts life's origin in test tube.

ceeded in isolating many plant dis-  
ease viruses in purified crystal form.  
As a result he and his fellow sci-  
entists have been able to devise ways  
to destroy their ability to cause dis-  
ease while they still keep their prop-  
erty of marshaling the defenses of  
the plant that they attack. This is  
the first step toward using modified  
viruses for vaccinations and immuni-  
zations. Extension of such studies to  
animal and human diseases may lead

## OUT OF MY WAY



## By J. R. Williams

I'M TELLIN' YOU AGAIN  
NOW--DON'T STOP AN'  
TALK TO NOBODY, NO  
MATTER HOW HONEST  
THEY LOOK! DON'T PUT  
IT IN ANY OF YOUR HOLEY  
POCKETS--HANG ON TO IT  
TIGHT, AN' TH' SAME  
COMIN' HOME WITH TH  
CHANGE, AN' DON'T--

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THINK WE  
BETTER GO  
BACK TO TH'  
STORE?  
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PASSED  
THRU IT!

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## Answer to Cranium Cracker

Questions on Page One  
1. Claudette Colbert was born in  
Paris, France, in 1905 (b).  
2. El Brendel was born in Phil-  
adelphia, Pa., in 1898 (a).  
3. Wendy Barrie was born in  
Hong Kong, China, in 1913 (b).  
4. William (Hopalong Cassidy)  
Boyd was born in Cambridge,  
Ohio, in 1898 (d).  
5. Olivia De Havilland was  
born in Tokio, Japan, in 1916 (d).

to protection of man and animals  
against virus diseases.  
These virus proteins seem to be re-  
lated to the essential stuff within  
the germ cells that pass on heredity  
from generation to generation. Dr.  
Stanley's great discovery may even-  
tually tell the nature of the living  
bridge between the past and the fu-  
ture, as well as connect molecules  
with living organisms.

NEXT: Exploring star paths.

## The Scoreboard

Racing Has Reached Saturation Point,  
But More Tracks Are Planned  
Despite Gigantic Flops and  
Shortage of Horses

By HARRY GRAYSON  
NEA Service Sports Editor  
Santa Anita again made more than  
\$1,000,000, with a new American bet-  
ting record—\$705,850 daily for a win-  
ter meeting of 51 days.

Tropical Park will show a profit  
of \$750,000 for its two sets of dates.  
Hialeah had another remarkable  
run.

Pari-mutuel handles skyrocketed to  
new all-time highs as the machines  
made their first appearance in New  
York last season.  
But this doesn't mean that racing  
hasn't reached its saturation point in  
the United States, and that it is not  
fully to build more tracks, for—

It is significant that of the four  
most recently constructed tracks of  
any consequence in this country only  
one has survived.

That is Delaware Park in the tiny  
state of that name.  
An ill-fated trio were the fabulously  
pretentious \$2,000,000 plant of the  
Golden Gate Turf Club, across the  
bay from San Francisco; ultra-modern  
Gulfstream Park, near Hollywood,  
Fla., and North Randall, hard on  
Cleveland.

While it has been thoroughly demon-  
strated that there are too many  
tracks now—40-odd recognized ones in  
17 states—and that there are not  
enough horses to go around, there  
will be additional ovals in 1932 and  
there are moves for still more.

In New Jersey a plebiscite has  
cleared the way for three new strips.  
Bills that would legalize wagering  
on the ponies are before the Pennsylv-  
ania and Indiana legislatures.  
Influential forces seek to revive the  
business in Texas, where it has  
been dead for only a few years.

Fair Grounds reopens in New Or-  
leans next winter.  
They are trying to refinance the  
Golden Gate Turf Club and Gulf-  
stream Park.

There are about 12,000 thoroughbreds  
in this country. Only a small share  
of them are in training during any  
particular season. The rest are either

being rested, are laid up for repairs,  
retired for breeding purposes or  
merely downright unworthy of bring-  
ing to the races.

Of those in training, the vast ma-  
jority are cheap selling platers. These  
fill most programs.  
High-class horses, fit and ready to  
run, are at a premium.  
The dearth of good animals was  
especially glaring last season even in  
such an old established racing state  
as New York, where the purses are  
always among the highest in the  
land. Day after day, many events  
drew four, five, six and seven-horse  
fields.

Good horses are the backbone of  
successful racing.

Without them habitual racegoers  
stay away from the track in droves.  
They don't care to play a lot of  
stumblebuns.

Anyone who can afford to play the  
races is in position to travel to tracks  
where the better horses run.  
That is why construction of ad-  
ditional tracks, which can't obtain  
good horses, is fraught with danger to  
investors in addition to being a bad  
thing for the game.

Four thousand years ago, the  
Egyptians knew the exact value of  
"pi," the ratio of the circumference  
of a circle to its diameter.

## OUR BOARDING HOUSE

with . . . Major Hoot



## Girls!

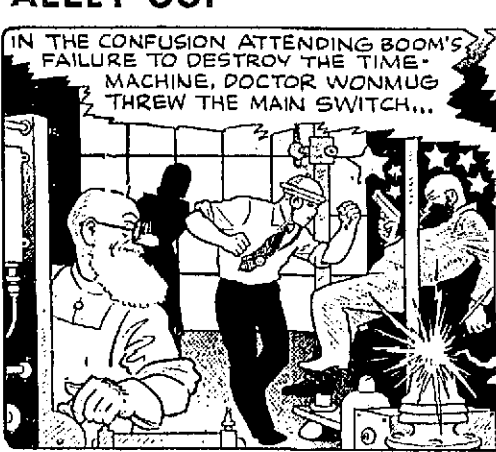
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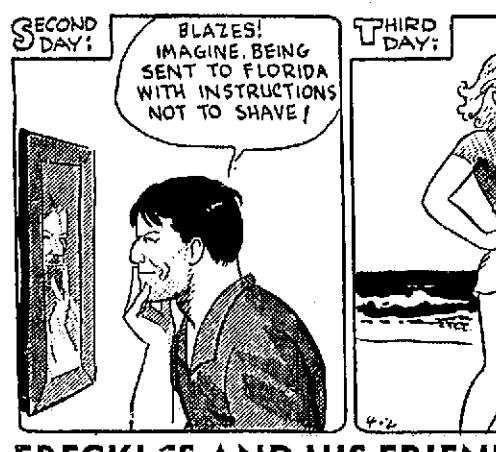
## BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES



## ALLEY OOP



## WASH TUBBS



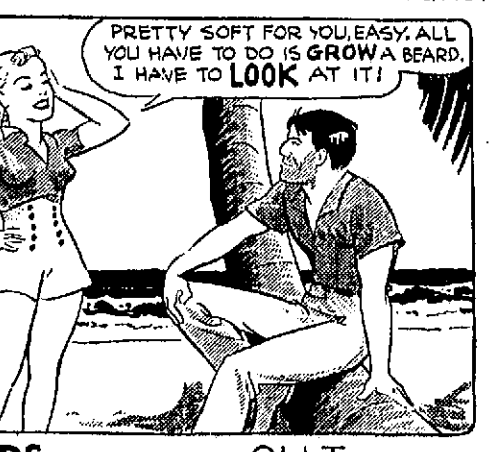
## The Transformation



## FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



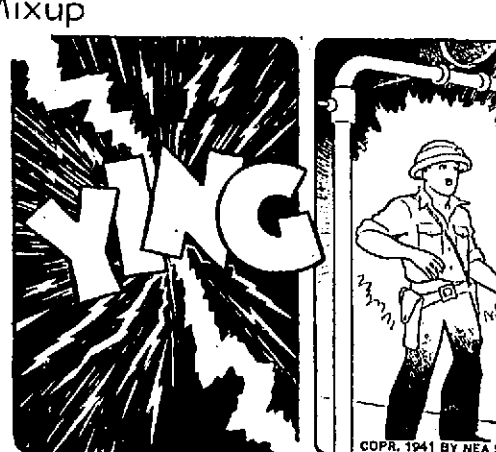
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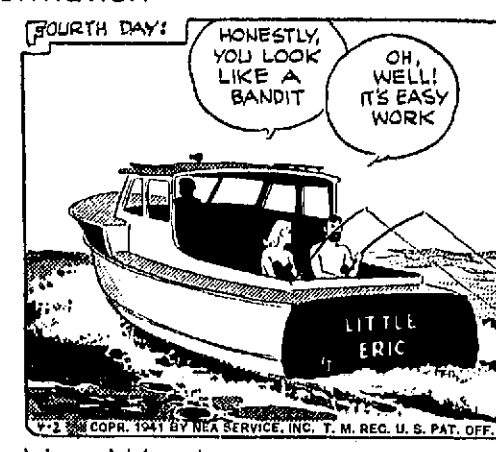
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## Foul!



## By Fred Harman





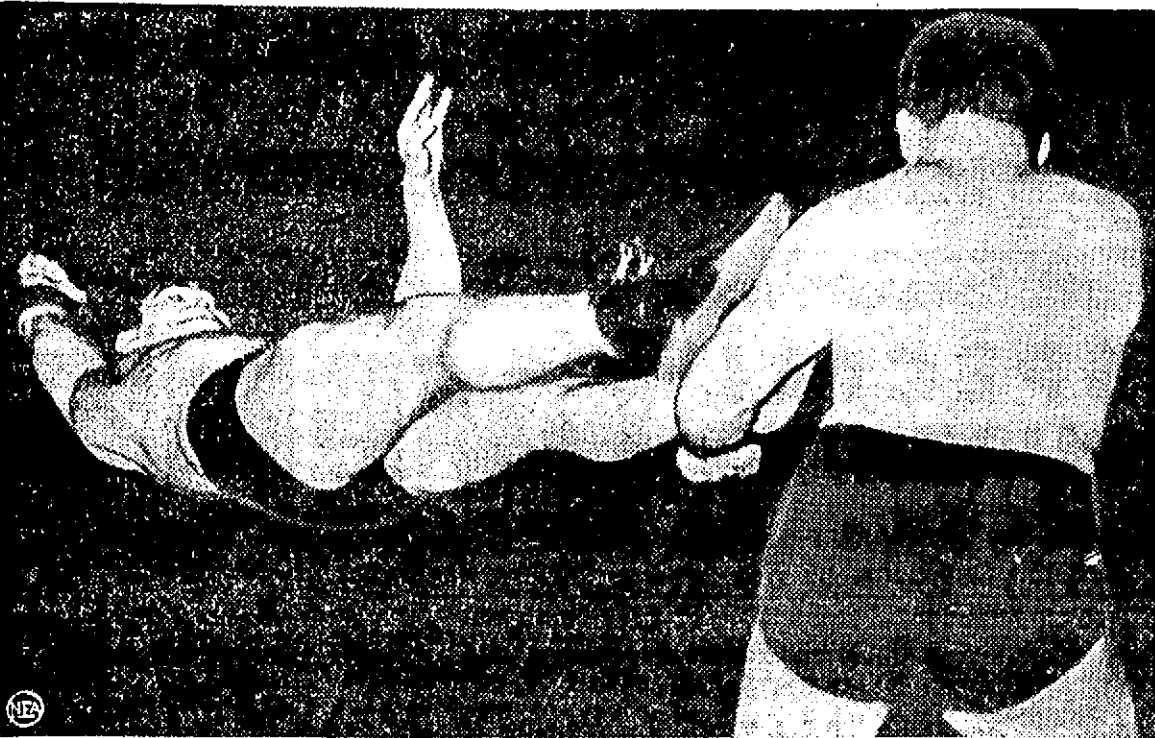
# The World's News as Told in Pictures

## Does This Point a Great Moral Lesson to You?



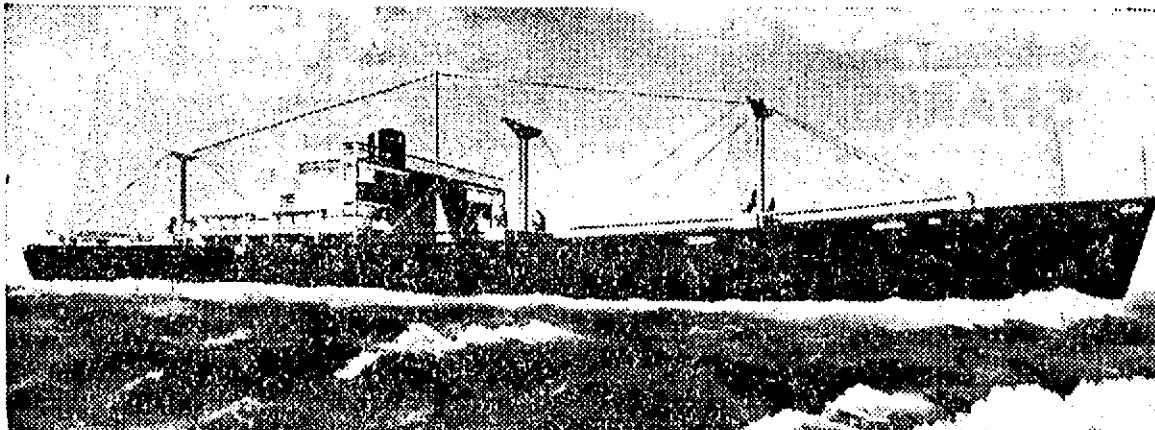
Pressed into service in New York to sell flowers in the old Greek manner this donkey balks at entering the Ritz-Carlton, which must point up a moral lesson of some kind. Society girls in native costume employed beasts to boost benefit for fighting Greeks.

## A Miss Would Be Good for a Mile



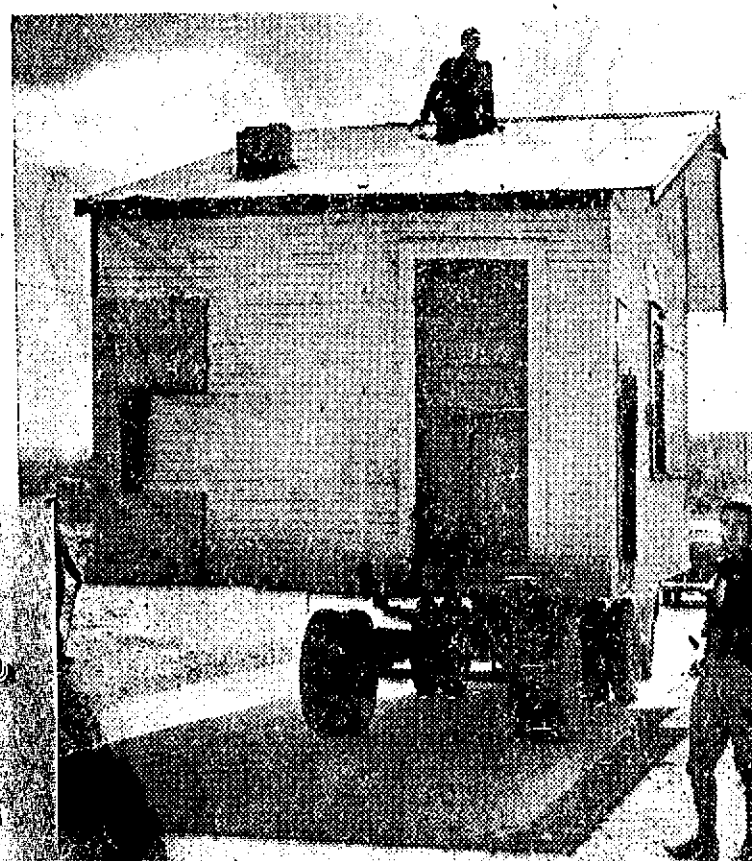
Louis Thesz takes off on kangaroo kick in Omaha wrestling match. Joe Dusek's chin is target. Looks like Thesz would sail right through main entrance if he missed.

## Quick-Built 'Ugly Ducklings' for Merchant Marine



Simply styled and quick to construct, 200 of these scraggy "ugly duckling" vessels will be built with assembly line speed as a supplement to the U. S. merchant marine. The 7500-ton ships will be 425 feet long, capable of 10 to 11 knots. Total cost will be \$350,000,000.

## Half a House Is Better Than None



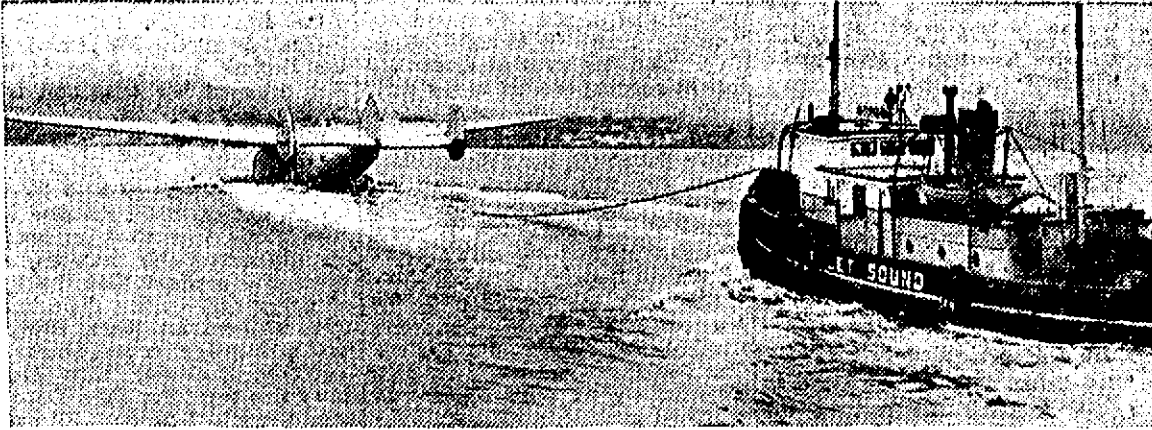
Somehow in Milan, Tenn. (normal population: 3100), brought by destruction of government shell-loading plant nearby, found the town with a housing shortage. So many workers sawed their houses in half, loaded the parts on trucks and rolled off down the highway to Milan.

## Jawin' Jawn



Though appearing somewhat aged by his recent experiences in the political arena, John L. is still the old dynamic Lewis as he warns joint meeting of unionists and mine operators in New York that his United Mine Workers won't accept a counter-proposal to their wage increase demands.

## New Clipper Out-Tugs a Tugboat



A new Boeing clipper, first of a group of six to start test flights at Seattle, easily pulls a Puget Sound tugboat, even though the tug's engines are in reverse. Purpose is to keep big plane from taking off when 1000-horsepower engines are under full power.

## Miss Powell and New Partner



Eleanor Powell, after dancing with most of the big names in the hoofing business, chooses "Buttons," half-terrier and half beagle, for her partner in her newest movie.

## Save This



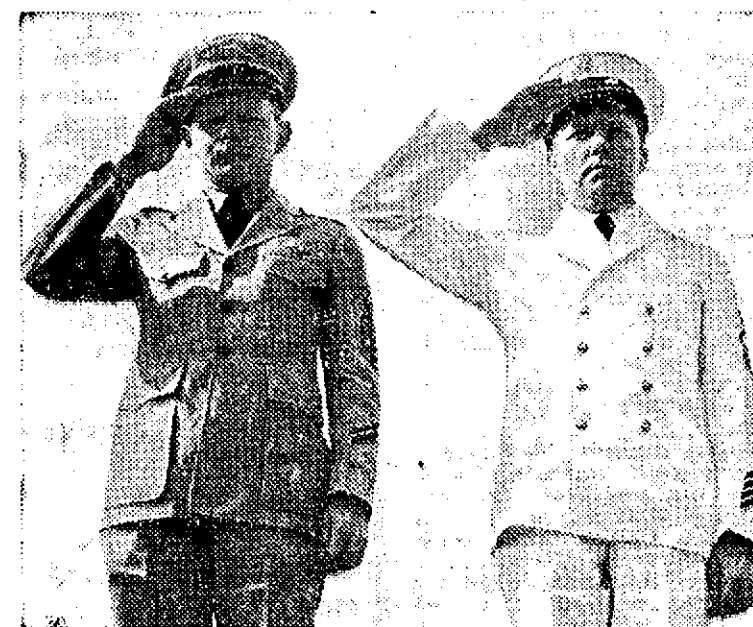
This may be last chance to see Carole Landis in a sweater if Hays Office bans pictures of movie queens in such garb.

## Turns Bear Rear on Spring



This guy hates the thought of March 21, so he takes first dive of season. It's Whitney, polar bear at San Francisco zoo, who's highly displeased over high temperature now prevailing there.

## Khaki Replaces Navy Whites



So that its men will be less easily seen by the enemy, the U. S. Navy will soon replace its traditional whites with khaki uniforms. Picture shows the new and the old.

## Topping Diplomat



Lord Halifax, new British ambassador to U. S., barely skims his 6 feet 5 inches under door as he visits New York to make speech.

## New Fashions Make Glad Tydings



Billowing chiffon, plus the model wearing it, wins the visual approval of Senator Millard Tydings of Maryland, who smiles smilingly at fashions for both Americas show held at Brazilian embassy in Washington.

## Their Son---Killed!



This mother and father have just been told of the slaying of their son. John Kelly puts a comforting arm around shoulder of his grief-stricken wife. Mutilated body of 13-year-old John Kelly Jr. was found in swamp near his Fruitport, Mich., home.

## Over the Back Fence, in Hollywood



Carole Landis, one of loveliest local belles out in Hollywood, transmits latest choice bit to Virginia Field, also quite all right to look at, during lull in night club evening.



## See Washington the Cheap Way

### Congress Stops Some Rackets That Rob Visitors

By JACK STINNETT  
WASHINGTON — Without a worry about nickels and dimes, you probably can get as much for your money here as anywhere. The District of Columbia is no land of milk and honey, but congress has put a stoppage on some of the common rackets which drain the tourists of their shekels.

Hotel prices aren't cheap anywhere along the line, but if I had all the money in the world to spend, I wouldn't look for the MOST expensive hotel. I'd probably check into the Willard. It's a comparatively modern hotel, but it has a bowl-of-pitcher charm that is somehow reminiscent of the days when Senator Douglas congratulated President-elect Lincoln with a hearty hand-shake in his vaulted lobby. Don't get the idea that it is a cheap spot to spend the night. It isn't. Remember that I'm pre-fecting this whole column on the fan-tasy that money isn't anything.

The next day, I would be up bright

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## SERIAL STORY

### DOLLARS TO DOUGHNUTS

BY EDITH ELLINGTON

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YESTERDAY Anthony takes his big idea up to the merchant. He waits anxiously, knowing that if he is successful he will ask her to marry him and her manager will be ended. A customer tells her that she wants her husband to see a dress. He doesn't expect the woman to return, but she does. And her husband is Jenkins, Beatrice Huntington Davenport's chauffeur.

#### BEE BEGS FOR HER JOB

##### CHAPTER XX

JENKINS' hands were deep in the pockets of a striped purple suit, and a slouch hat was pushed back on his head. He had the air of a man enduring inhuman punishment.

He was protesting to his wife. "But listen, suppose she stays in South America the rest of the year? You think the old man's going to keep me on a salary for doing nothing? I tell you, I might be out a job and you want to buy more dresses!"

"I might not buy it. I just want to try it on."

"I've got to get out of here," Beatrice thought swiftly. "I simply can't face Jenkins. I can't have it all exposed now!" It was an hour until lunchtime, and she had a customer in the fitting room. A customer who was trying to soothe a whining little boy. "I'll be through in a minute, Junior. In just a minute."

Miss Getz appeared, providentially, and Beatrice cried, "Oh, Getz, please take my customer, in there. I—I don't feel well."

Miss Getz stared, but Beatrice had turned and ran. She slipped through the curtains at the other end of the fitting room aisle. Miss Dane was on the phone, her back to Beatrice. Beatrice fled through Housewares, and into a waiting elevator.

She'd go up to the soda fountain, linger over a forbidden coke, and then she'd loiter on the main floor. How long would Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins wait down there? "If he'd only talk her out of the whole idea, and drag her away!"

OVER the coke, she wondered again about what was happening upstairs. "I'll sign the slip for it," she told the soda clerk. "If you ask me, they ought to give us the cokes," the girl said while Beatrice scribbled her name, number and department across the back of the ticket. "What's a coke to the Duchess, anyway?"

"Two thousand cokes might be something," Beatrice suggested mildly.

Having finished her drink, she wandered into the stocking de-

partment. "I certainly need some, too. But \$1.35 . . . that's too much." She fingered 79-cent hose until the speculative eye of a main floor section manager sent her scurrying again. As she passed one of the side street entrances, a sudden thought struck her. "Jenkins lives in Queens. I bet he's riding around in my car!"

She walked boldly out the door. Sure enough, there a little way down the street, her shining black town car was parked. She regarded it with strangely mingled emotions. "I ride the subway, and Jenkins and his wife skylark around in that."

She took the escalator to the basement. From Children's Clothes, she peered into Budget. The Jenkins had definitely left. Beatrice sighed with relief, and marched back.

MISS DANE was drumming dangerously on the wrapping desk, her blood-red fingernails managing to call forth an unpleasantly loud sound from the scarred wood. "Where have you been?"

"Upstairs for a coke," Beatrice confessed meekly.

Miss Dane's throat purpled. "How dare you leave the floor? You were taking advantage of the section manager's absence, that's what you were doing! I have a good mind to fire you right now!"

Beatrice bit her lip. All at once, she wanted fiercely to scream, "Go on, fire me! Fire me, and watch me mess your job up and your whole darned department—watch me mop up in 10 minutes!"

But sweet though it would be to put a bomb under Miss Dane, the thought of Anthony Bradley stopped her. She simply couldn't ruin everything now! He was on his own, up there with the merchandising manager. He was working out a scheme he had thought up himself—he would soon be getting a promotion he had earned. "The farther he gets away from this low-paying section manager job, the less it will hurt him, to know I've been lying."

If Anthony could convince himself that he was standing on his own two feet in this store, if he knew beyond any shadow of a doubt that he was valuable and appreciated—perhaps later, when inevitably he discovered that Beatrice owned the store, he wouldn't feel that he held his job only because she loved him. Because Beatrice had long ago decided that Bruce Sheldrake, who was too high and mighty to explore trivial details, was going out on his ear, some fine day. And An-

thony Bradley, after serving the training she was certain Grandfather would have wanted, was going to occupy that perfectly appointed office upstairs with "General Superintendent" on the door.

So Bee Davis, salesclerk in Budget Fashions, let Miss Dane, the Budget buyer, fume at her. Bee dropped her eyes and tried hard to look contrite.

"Yes, Miss Dane," she murmured meekly. "Oh, Miss Dane, I'm so sorry. I'm so very sorry."

And finally, when she saw that Miss Dane was working herself up into a veritable tantrum, and when she realized that the eyes of every girl in the department were focused on them, Beatrice took a deep breath and burst out, tearfully. "Please, Miss Dane, don't fire me! Oh, Miss Dane, I need my job. I promise I'll never do it again. Really, I won't, Miss Dane." Her wide eyes lifted tragically to the contorted face of the buyer. "Miss Dane, you won't fire me, will you?"

SHE had learned, the day she applied for this job in the personnel office, that if you stood up to people they respected you more. But she had learned, too, that power was sweet to women like Miss Dane. Women who had so little else to glory in. The power of life and death, of hiring and firing, made autocratic tin gods of them. If you begged, they liked to see you grovel. . . . and they grudgingly dispensed a little mercy, after you'd humbled yourself enough.

But Miss Dane surprised her. For, instead of the mounting fury, instead of more threats and final humiliation, Miss Dane suddenly crumpled.

"Stop that!" she grated. "Don't cry, you fool! Do you think I like triumphing all over you? But I haven't got it so easy myself. . . . They took my stock girl, they kept raising my sales figures higher and higher. I'm nearly crazy, that's what I am! I was a salesgirl myself once. In those days, the store had some heart. Mr. Huntington wasn't hard-boiled, he didn't drive people. . . ."

To the never-to-be-forgotten stupefaction of the entire Budget Department, Miss Dane herself burst into tears. She wailed, "Go away, you young idiot. Let me alone! Oh, I wish I never had to see this place again!"

She covered her face with her hands, and turned to Miss Getz, who had somehow crept closer. "Getz, Getz," she choked, "it wasn't like this in the old days, was it?"

(To Be Continued)

## To Select 15 CCC Enrollees

### Hempstead Welfare Department to Make Selection

The Hempstead County Department of Public Welfare has been requested to select 15 white junior enrollees to be enrolled April 8, 1941, at the Arkansas District Headquarters, CCC, 25th St. & Rock Island Railroad, Little Rock.

All enrollees selected will be sent to out of state camps. Young men desiring enrollment should report immediately to the Hempstead County Department of Public Welfare in the Court House, Hope.

### Sex Determination By Alkali or Acid

LOS ANGELES.—(AP)—An instrument for measuring the relative alkalinity or acidity in the human body is being put to use on a wide scale in an effort to enable parents to decide in advance the sex of their children. It was invented by Dr. A. O. Beckman, once a professor at the California Institute of Technology.

A theory on which several research men are working, according to information received here from both English and American sources, is that increased alkali in the mother's system favors the birth of a boy while a preponderance of acid determines a girl.

Several instances of successfully treating the prospective mother by diet or medicine have been reported, but they are not numerous enough to establish that they are not merely the result of chance.

### 'All God's Chillun—'

BELTON, Tex. —(AP)—A Negro woman found on top of her home extinguishing a roof blaze had this to say to the hook and ladder crew: "Well folks, I just don't know how I got up here, but I sure can't get down."

vestor strike involving 24,000 men at Chicago and Rock Falls, Ill., and Richmond, Ind.

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## In Washington

By PETER EDSON, NEA Washington Correspondent

### Labor Department's Conciliation Service, and Its Fine Record, Now Caught in Middle

WASHINGTON — The outfit caught in the middle, the outfit that will still have to do all the dirty work in keeping the peace in defense industry labor disturbances seems to be the conciliation service in the Department of Labor. It's a little outfit, as government agencies go, with only 110 conciliators and a budget of only \$325,000, plus \$80,000 defense money for this year.

Its headquarters are in half a dozen offices on the third floor of the Labor Department building. They're just down a corridor from the office of Madame Perkins herself, and while the secretary's suite is all wood panels and luxury in good taste, the conciliators worry along in offices undistinguished except for some of those art project oil paintings you find all over the labor building.

Head man of conciliation service is John R. Steelman, quick moving, graying at 40, an Arkansas farm boy who has been both hobo and Harvard instructor. He has been a conciliator since 1934, head of the service for seven years.

Patience Is The Word

Stelman's assistant is his legal adviser, young Carl R. Schedler, and across the hall from them are the four regional supervisors who get all complaints on labor disturbances more important than the cook walking out on your mother-in-law. They are: H. R. Colwell covering New England and the Middle Atlantic states, Howard T. Colvin covering the south, Edward J. Cunningham covering the midwest, John T. Daly covering the Rockies and the Pacific coast.

Under these men are the 100 local conciliators, distributed in 16 main offices so situated that the service can get a man to any labor disturbance brewing within 12 hours. They aren't any one type of man chosen for the work. They are lawyers, teachers, ex-labor leaders, ex-industrialists, expersonnel directors. Their common characteristics are a natural yen for this type of peace-making, tirelessness, patience, absolute lack of temper and an ability to make friends and win the confidence of employers and employees.

Keeping everlastingly at it is perhaps their one secret of success. They will work all day and all night—24, 27, 30 hours at a stretch if necessary—until they doggedly, politely wear down the stubborn resistance of hardheads.

Nothing Succeeds Like Success

Their success? Since 1913, when the service was established, they have been in on 27,000 situations involving 22 million workers. Their batting average has improved every year as they gained experience. In 1940 they had 748 threatened strikes, and settled 709 of them before they reached a strike stage and without stoppage of work. The average of the last three years has been 92 to 95 per

cent success in strike prevention when over the service can get to a puts before the strike or lockout begins. It is after the strike begins that conciliation's job gets tough, and that is what has perhaps made the service record look bad on defense strikes since the first of the year.

The strength and the weakness of the organization as now constituted is that it is entirely a voluntary service, functioning under the principles of democracy. There is no compulsion that disputants in a labor controversy must call in a conciliator. The conciliator may be asked in by one side or the other to help settle a controversy, a threat of strike, a lockout or an actual strike.

That is one big point of contention in the present series of defense labor disturbances—should the conciliation service and the National Defense Mediation Board be given authority to compel employer and employee to report their controversies, and compel them to call in mediators before the trouble begins, or in case of sudden flare-up, should these peace-making bodies have authority to put in effect compulsory arbitration?

Supporters of the democratic theory of labor handling say that compulsory arbitration, legal prevention of strikes, will not work. Opponents say they must be made to work.

The fact that three out of the first four defense labor disturbances certified to the new mediation board were settled within 24 hours after the Department of Labor had passed them on should not be viewed with too much optimism. Conciliation service had them practically settled. The mere fact that these cases had been certified to the board, with the threat of public censure, may have hastened peace, but the real test of this machinery will come in the International Har-

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